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By Miss Garry of Dracut, petition of Colleen M. Garry for legislation to prohibit court ordered visitation rights to persons convicted of criminal offenses against minors. The Judiciary.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

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AN ACT PROHIBITING COURT ORDERED VISITATION RIGHTS TO PERSONS  
CONVICTED OF CRIMINAL OFFENSES AGAINST A MINOR.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 28 of Chapter 208 of the General Laws,  
2 as appearing in the 1998 Official Edition, is hereby amended by  
3 adding the following paragraph:—

4 No court shall make an order providing visitation rights to a  
5 parent who has been convicted of sexual abuse and/or other  
6 crimes against children including but not limited to one or more of  
7 the following: Ch. 265, sections 13B, 13H, 13J, 22, 22A, 23, 24,  
8 24B, 26, 26A, 27A, Chapter 272, sections 1, 2, 4, 4A, 4B, 16, 17,  
9 28, 29A, 29B, 35, 35A, unless such child is of suitable age and  
10 assents to such order and a guardian ad litem finds the visitation is  
11 in the best interest of the child.

1 SECTION 2. Section 37 of Chapter 209 of the General Laws,  
2 as appearing in the 1998 Official Edition, is hereby amended by  
3 adding the following paragraph:—

4 No court shall make an order providing visitation rights to a  
5 parent who has been convicted of sexual abuse and/or other  
6 crimes against children including but not limited to one or more of  
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